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SUBJECT: BOMBING OF CUBAN EMBASSY

1. APRIL 24 EDITION OF LISBON DAILY A LUTA CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY REPORTING THAT CUBAN EMIGRE GROUPS LOCATED IN MIAMI ARE CLAIMING TO HAVE BOMBED CUBAN EMBASSY IN LISBON ON APRIL 22. A LUTA CLAIMS THAT INFORMATION WAS PICKED UP BY PORTUGUESE NEWS AGENCY ANOP FROM UPI IN MIAMI. UPI SUPPOSEDLY RECEIVED LETTER DATED APRIL 22 FROM ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF CUBAN SECRET ARMY. LETTER SAID THAT THIS ATTACK, CALLED OPERATION FREE ANGOLA, WAS IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE OF ANGOLA WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF SOVIET IMPERIALISM AND CUBAN AGGRESSION. IT IS SAID TO BE FIRST OF MORE TO COME.

2. STORY ALSO REPORTS THAT UPI RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL ON NIGHT OF APRIL 22 IN WHICH MAN SPEAKING SPANISH CLAIMED THAT ANOTHER MIAMI BASED CUBAN EMIGRE GROUP CALLED BARAGUAS WAS RESPONSIBLE. EMBASSY NOTES THAT VARIOUS PORTUGUESE GROUPS, MOSTNOTABLY MDLP AND MAP, ARE SAYING THAT THEY DID IT.

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3. GOP HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED FORMAL INQUIRY INTO BOMBING. THE EMBASSY PLANS TO MAKE NO STATEMENT CONCERNING ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN BASED ORGANIZATIONS. GIVEN HIGH STATE OF FEELING EVENT HAS ENGENDERED THIS CLOSE TO ELECTION, HOWEVER, WE WILL NO DOUBT GET INQUIRIES. IF WE ARE ASKED, AND ONLY IF ASKED, EMBASSY PLANS TO REPLY THAT WE INTEND TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH GOP IN MAKING ITS INQUIRY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE FURNISH ASAP INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED GROUPS CITED IN NEWS STORY.
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